

May 17.

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RELATION

OF
Divers Remarkable Proceedings

Betwixt the Kings Majestie and his
loyall Subjects, exprest in these
particulars following.

1 His Majesties Speech to the Gentry of the County of
Yorke, attending his Majesty at his Court at *Yorke* the 12 of
May.

2 The Answer and Resolution of the Gentry, and Com-
monalty of the Countie of *Yorke*, to his Majesties Speech.

3 A Letter of thanks from the Lords in Parliament as-
sembled, to the Countie of *Yorke*.

4 A Declaration of both Houses of Parliament, as it was
ordered to be printed the 12 of *May*. *John Brown* Cler. Parl.

5 The humble Petition of many thousands faithfull and
peaceable affected Subjects of the Countie of *Yorke*, who
are here now assembled.



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HIS
MAIESTIES
Speech to the Gentry
of the Countie of Yorke
attending his Majestie at the Citie
of Yorke, on Thursday the 12.
of May. 1642.

Gentlemen,



HAVE cause of adding, not altering, what I meant to say, when I gave out the summons of this daies appearance, I little thought of these messengers, or of such a message as they brought, the which, because it confirmed mee in what I intend to speak, and that I desire you should bee truly informed of all passages between me and the Parliament, you shall hear read. First my Answer to the Declaration of both Houses concerning *Hull*, the answer of the Parliament to my two messages concerning *Hull*, together with my reply to the same, and my message to both Houses, declaring the reasons why I refused to passe the Bill concerning the *Militia*.

All which being read, His Majestie proceeded.

I Will make no paraphrases upon what ye have heard, it more
benefiting a Lawyer then a King, onely this observation, since
Treason is countenanced so neere me, it is time to look to my
safety;

safety: I vow it was part of my wonder, that men (whom I thought heretofore discret, and moderate) should have undertaken this imployment, and that since they came (I have delivered them the Answer: you have heard, and commanded them to return personally with it to the Parliament) should have flatly disobeyed me upon pretence of the Parliaments command. My end in telling you this, is to warne you of them, for since these men have brought me such a message, and disobeyed so lawfull a command, I will not say what their intent of staying here is, only I bid you take heed, not knowing, what doctrine of disobedience they may preach to you, under colour of obeying the Parliament. Hitherto I have found and kept you quiet, the enjoying of which was a chief cause of my coming hither (tumults and disorders having made me leave the South) and not to make this a seat of War, as malice would (but I hope in vain) make you beleever. Now if disturbances do come, I know whom I have reason to suspect.

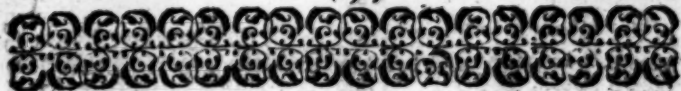
To be short, you see that my Magazine is going to bee taken from me (being mine own proper goods) directly against my will; The *Militia*, (against Law and my consent) is going to bee put in Execution: And lastlie, Sir *John Hothams* Treason is countenanced; All this considered none can blame mee to apprehend dangers. Therefore I have thought fit (upon these reall grounds) to tell you, that I am resolved to have a Guard (the Parliament having had one all this while upon imaginary jealousies,) onely to secure my person. In which I desire your concurrence and assistance, and that I may be able to protect you, the Laws, and the true Protestant profession from any Affront or Injury that may be offered, which I mean to maintaine my self without charge to the Country, intending no longer to keep them on foot, then I shall be secured of my just Apprehensions by having satisfaction in the particular before mentioned.

An Answer to His Majesties Speech, by
the Gentry of the Countrey of YORKE, atten-
ding his Majestie at the Court of Yorke on Thurs-
day the 12 of May, 1642.

May it please your most Excellent Majesty,

Your Propositions delivered to Us yesterday from your Ma-
jesty are of so high concernment to the Weale and Peace of
the whole Kingdome, and do so nearly touch upon the af-
fection and fidelity of all your Subjects in Generall, and we
being but a part of one Countrey onely, do not conceive it safe
for us to advise therein, but rather humbly to beseech Your Majesty
to impart the ground of Your Majesties fear and jealousies to your
high Court of Parliament (of whose most loyall care and affection
to Your Majesties honour and safety, and the prosperity of your Sub-
jects and Dominions, we are most confident) and whatsoever shall be
advised by your Great Counsell, therein wee shall most willingly em-
brace, and give our concurrence and assistance to it as shall become
us. In whose fidelity your Majesty hath often declared especiall trust,
and although we do not presume to advise your Majesty to that par-
ticular, it being of transcendant consequence.

Nevertheless, in the behalf of those Members of Parliament late-
ly employed to attend your Majesty, from both Houses, being all Gen-
tlemen of quality and estate in this Countrey and trusted to serve in that
most Honourable Assembly, wee humbly crave your Majesties leave
to expresse our confidence in their unstained loyalty and affection to
your Majesty to be such as your Majesty may securely admit their at-
tendance to negotiat their employments untill they bee recalled by the
Parliament, and for their fidelity we do all ingage our selves to your
Majesty, and we are most assured that your Royall person shall be se-
cured in the reall fidelity of Your Subjects of this Countrey without any
extraordinary Guard.



Die Jovis, 12 Maii, 1642.

The Declaration of both Houses of *PARLIAMENT.*



He Lords and Commons assembled in Parliament do declare, that they are resolved to maintaine those Lords and Gentlemen, Committees of both Houses of Parliament, residing at *Yorke*, in those things they have done, and shall further do, in obedience of their commands, for the preserving the peace of the Kingdome.

The Lords and Commons do declare, That if any person whatsoever shall arrest or imprison the persons of those Lords and Gentlemen, or any of them, or any other Member of either House, that are, or shall be employed in the service of both Houses of Parliament; or shall offer violence to them, or any of them, for doing of any thing in pursuance of their commands, or the instructions of both Houses, given unto them, shall bee held disturbers of the proceedings of Parliament, and publike enemies of the State. And that all persons are bound by their protestation, to endeavour to bring them to condigne punishment.

The Lords and Commons do declare, that those of the City of London, and all other persons that have obeyed the Ordinance for the Militia, and done any thing in execution thereof, have done it according to the Law of the Land, and in pursuance of what they were commanded by both Houses of Parliament, and for the defence and safety of the King and Kingdome; and shall have the assistance of both Houses of Parliament, against any that shall presume to question them for yeelding their obedience to the said command in this necessary and importunate service; and that whosoever shall obey the said Ordinance for the time to come, shall receive the same approbation and assistance from both Houses of Parliament.

A Letter of thankses from the Lords in Parliament assembled to the County of Yorke.

THis House hath read the Petition from the County of York, the expressions wherein are so full of affections to the public good of the Kingdom and Parliament, that they receive it with much content, and satisfaction, and assure you by mee, that your zeale to the Common-wealth, hath added much to the honour of your Countrey; commanding me in their names, to returne their very hearty thanks; the House concures with you in opinion, that the onely remedy for this distracted Kingdome to recover its ancient strength, happinesse, and lustre, is unity; which as it hath ever bene the ayme and scope of all their proceedings, so shall it ever be the chiefeft of their endeavours. And for this purpose they are already upon framing their humble desires to his Majesty, wherein they shall request such things as they conceive doe chiefly tend the honour of God, the greatnesse and prosperity of his Maiesty, and the publike good of this Common-wealth, these were almost perfected before the receipt of your Petition, and will very speedily be sent to the King, which had been done ere this, but that his Maiestie withdrawing himself so farre from the Parliament, and those many denyalls, they have had in those things they have desired, have necessitated them to spend much of their time in Messages, and diverted them from their other more necessary businesses, but they doubt not but in these desires they wil make such clear demonstrations of their duty to the King, and love to his people, who have intrusted them, that they shall fully acquit themselves thereof, both to him and them. Sir, this is what at this time I am commanded to write to you, onely adding that I am, &c.

Ioh. Banks.

Stafford

To the Kings most excellent Maiestie,

The humble Petition of many
thousands, faithfull and peaceably
affected Subjects of the County of York,
who are here now assembled.

Humbly sheweth,

THat many of your Petitioners being in the last desires of
Petitioning, your Maiestie denyed access, kept back with
violence, and received great affront from some that have
dependance to your Maiesty, and others there assembled,
yet no provocation could remove them from their patience and
duty, which proceedings are taken more to heart; your Petitioners
conceiving it undenyable, that they have an interest in the Com-
mon-wealth, and are as dutifull and loyall Subiects to your Ma-
iesty, as any whatsoever; though divers of them have been since
uncivilly prest by some in your Maiesties name, to subscribe a pa-
per, stiled, *The Humble Answer to your Maiesties Propositions*, and
threatned thereunto, upon which clause followed, That when
your Maiesties Army should bee on foot, those should bee first
pillaged that refused such subscription, which we humbly con-
ceive are positively contrarie to your Maiesties owne expres-
sions, and is to the high dishonour of your Maiesty, and the
great affrightment and disturbance of your Maiesties liege peo-
ple; therefore your Petitioners having iust cause to feare
your Maiesties Royall heart is still indangered to bee possessed
with some distaste of your Petitioners; humbly supplicate your
Maiestie to conceive better things of them, and to cast your
eyes

eyes upon the present state of this your Kingdom, that as your Majesty hath often declared your affections to this County, so your love might now be expressed in the preserving the peace thereof: And that your Majesty would admit of a right information of the clear intention of your Petitioners, who are confident that no so absolute and happy observance to your Majesties just commands can be demonstrated, as which your Majesty in Parliament shall declare, which if it should come divided, (which God forbid) our hearts even tremble to consider what danger and diminution of the Honour, and safety of your Majesties posterity and the Kingdome, will unavoidably be put upon, since it is clear in every understanding eye, that it is not a divided part of one, or several Counties that can afford the honour and safety to your Majesty, that your whole Kingdome, which you may command, no ground of fear or danger remaining, if a good confidence were begotten betwixt your Majesty and Parliament, whose grave and loyall Councell as we humbly conceive, the visible way under God, to put a speedy end to the troubles in Ireland, and establish your Throne in Righteousnesse.

Lastly, your Petitioners most humbly supplicate, that wee may represent our unfitness to become Judges betwixt your Majesty and Parliament, in any thing, or to dispute the authority of either, which they humbly conceive do fortifie each other, it being most unfit for them to act any thing therein, but by their prayers for a right understanding betwixt your Majesty and them, which we shall heartily doe: as also for your Majesties long and prosperous reigne, and as we are bound by true Protestation, shall be able to maintain your Majesties just right, the priviledge and power of Parliament, and the lawfull Liberties of the Subjects.

This Petition was delivered at the General meeting of the Yorkshiremen, being in number about 7000 on Thursday last.

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